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REMINISCENCES OF OUR PIONEER DAYS

Gleanings From the Records Left
By Men Who Laid the Founda-
tion of Our County.

THE FIRST FARTERNAL ORDER

Institution of Bay View Lodge, I. O.
O. F.—Organization of the First
Congregational Church.

[This article deals with events of the
years 1862 and 1863.]

The first actual steps looking to the
erection of a church building in this
city were taken September 23d, 1862,
when a meeting of the trustees of the
First Congregational Society was held
for the purpose of conferring in regard
to the securing of a lot and the erection
of a building. At this meeting gifts of
two lots were offered, one at the corner
of C and Third streets by B. G. Lathrop,
and another by C. N. Fox on Court
street. The lot offered by Mr. Fox was
a good sized one, having a frontage of
80 feet and a depth of 120 feet. After a
careful consideration of the two tenders,
the lot on Court street was considered
the most eligible for a church site and
the offer of Mr. Fox was accepted. This
definite action marked the awakening
of a new interest in religious matters in
the town, and on November 2d the Con-
gregational Church was organized at a
meeting held at the Courthouse. The
services at this meeting were conducted
by Rev. J. H. Warren, then a resident
of San Mateo, assisted by Rev. G. W.
Finney, of Oakland. At the same time
preparations were made for a campaign
to raise funds for the erection of the
church. Before the end of the year the
brethren became interested in this movement
and raised a subscription of over
\$600 among themselves.

At the session of the Grand Jury in
October, the county jail came in for an-
other scoring. In their report the ju-
rors stated that they had made a critical
examination of the jail and that the place
was certainly not safe for the confinement
of prisoners, but that it was in a decided-
ly unhealthy condition. The same grand
jury also reported that in their
opinion the use of the hall in the second
story of the Courthouse for dancing
and other similar amusements was doing
a serious injury to the building, and
they recommended that an order be
made putting a stop to the dancing es-
pecially, notwithstanding the fact that
it was the only place suitable for this
class of enjoyment.

On the 4th of October, 1862, Bay View
Lodge No. 109, Independent Order of
Old Fellows, the first fraternal organiza-
tion of any kind in the county, was
instituted in this city. The meeting for
this purpose was held, as was usual with
all gatherings requiring the use of a
hall, in the second story of the Court-
house, the only place of public assembly
and generally known as Concert Hall.
The ceremonies of institution were con-
ducted by J. A. J. Cohen, then Grand
Master, assisted by T. Rogers Johnston,
Grand Secretary, and a considerable
delegation of members of the Order from
San Francisco, who came here for that
purpose. The charter members of the
Lodge were Charles N. Fox, J. W. Turner,
T. W. Lathrop, S. H. Snyder, A.
Teague and J. S. Keith. After the in-
stitution ceremonies, officers to serve
for the remainder of the term were in-
stalled as follows: C. N. Fox, noble
grand; J. W. Turner, vice grand; S. H.
Snyder, secretary; T. W. Lathrop, treas-
urer; A. Teague, warden; J. S. Keith,
guardian. The next meeting of the
Lodge was held October 8th, at which
seven applications for membership were
received and the preliminary steps were
taken for the building of a hall suited
to the purposes of such an organiza-
tion. No time was lost in the work of
securing a home for the Lodge, and
within a few weeks a lot was secured at
the corner of A and Third streets and
erection of the building commenced.
Once underway, building operations
were pushed rapidly forward, and before
the end of the following January the
hall was ready for occupancy. On the
evening of January 31st, 1863, the hall
was dedicated as the home of Friend-
ship, Love and Truth with public cere-
mony, the usual services of the Order
being conducted by the officers of the
Grand Lodge. The address of the evening
was delivered by Nathan Porter, of
San Francisco. Members of the Lodge
met at their temporary hall at the
Courthouse and in full regalia marched
in procession to the new hall, where the
public ceremonies were held.

That the complaint of the grand jury
as to conditions at the county jail were
well founded, is shown by the fact that
a prisoner by the name of Barker, who
had been committed for stealing a horse
and saddle at Halfmoon Bay, easily made
his escape. Barker, who had been for some
time the only occupant of the jail, com-
plained that the air in his cell was too
close and that he suffered from spells of
suffocation. To alleviate this he was al-
lowed the freedom of the corridor, it being
considered that he was perfectly secure
from the fact that his actions had
shown him not to be over bright men-
tally. On the evening of November 20th

he determined to add one more to the
growing list of escapes, and in prepara-
tion demolished a chair which he had
been mercifully provided. In this man-
ner he secured a small piece of wire and
a piece of wood, with which he dug a
hole through the wall. The appearance
of the instruments which he used, and
which he left behind, showed that this
was an easy task, as they had scarcely
been marred in the operation.

That this town was growing is shown
by an estimate made of the population
of the place by the editor of the Ga-
zette, assisted by a couple of friends.
For want of a more convenient way of
taking this census, the party got to-
gether and made from their own knowl-
edge what was claimed to be a complete
list of every family in town, carefully not-
ing the number in each of the families.
This estimate assured the statement
that within the platified limits of the
town there were a little over 500 peo-
ple, which was said to be a population
nearly three times as great as that of
two years previous. At this time the
school census showed the number of
children between the ages of 4 and 18
to be 118, of which 57 were boys and 61
girls. At this time the county contain-
ed among its population a total of 791
children between the ages of 4 and 18,
with enough under the age of 4 to make
up a grand total of 1194.

People of the present time who have
contracted the rather too prevalent
habit of constantly complaining that their
taxes are high and still getting
higher, should carefully "harken back"
to the history of the olden time. As a
sample, the tax rate for the year 1863,
which was published about this time,
reached a total of \$3.05 on the \$100 for
county and state purposes, and to which
must then be added the war tax of the
Federal Government. The tax of \$3.05
was divided as follows: State tax, 80
cents; county general fund, 60 cents;
road fund, 70 cents; interest fund, 50
cents; indigent fund, 24 cents; school
fund, 20 cents. Until the year 1860 the
county tax rate appears to have been
low enough, but in the three years fol-
lowing 1860 it jumped from 80 cents to
\$2.25, notwithstanding an enormous in-
crease in valuations.

In the latter part of March a rather
singular and altogether inexplicable
phenomenon was noticed on the Wood-
side Dairy Farm. At that time William
Durham had been sent out from this
city to the farm for the purpose of mak-
ing some repairs about the receiving
reservoir at the surface of an old artesian
well. For several years before this the
well had been dry, or had not overflowed
the pipe. When Durham reached the
place he found the well flowing a large
stream of water to a height of eight
feet above the pipe, said at the time to
be the finest stream in the county, and
was informed that the well had been
flowing for several days, although nothing
had been done to cause the renewed
activity. The singular part of the phe-
nomenon was in the fact that an exam-
ination of the water showed it to be im-
pregnated with large quantities of red-
wood sawdust. Inquiry showed that
nothing had been done about the well
which could have caused a deposit of
sawdust, and it was known that there
was not a saw mill located within six
miles of the well, nor could any trace be
found of a deposit of this material any
where about the vicinity. Apparently
from the depths of the earth and gave
no indication of the cause of its presence.
After serving as a "nine days wonder,"
the well resumed its normal condition
and the mystery was never solved.

The first hint of a demand for
what is now the leading manufactur-
ing industry was given in the is-
sue of the Gazette for May 18th,
1862. Under the caption of "Sug-
gestion to Tanners," it was said that
no mechanical pursuit would prove
more profitable in Redwood City than
a well conducted tannery, the vicinity
offering unusual facilities for the
business. It was pointed out that the
oak trees in the vicinity would furn-
ish the best qualities of bark in al-
most inexhaustible quantities, and
that there were an abundance of
hides which were being shipped to
San Francisco. Another advantage
pointed out was the fact that this lo-
cation offered unexcelled facilities for
water transportation. The editor of
the paper also stated that if any good
tanner wished to engage in the busi-
ness here, and was without the neces-
sary capital, he was authorized to
state that the necessary means would
be furnished him, thus presenting an
evidence of the public spirit of the
people of the town worthy of emula-
tion at the present time.

Will Aid Fire Funds.
The chemical company of the Fire
Department will have a raffle
September 25th for a \$30 suit of
clothes to be made by Carl Muller.
The company needs funds and has
adopted this new method of replenish-
ing its treasury.

Poison Oak Poisoning.
Ballard's Snow Liniment cures it. Mr.
O. H. P. Cornelius, Sumner, Ore., writes:
My wife has discovered that Snow Lin-
iment cures "Poison Oak Poisoning," a
very painful trouble. She not only cured
a case of it on herself, but on two of her
friends who were poisoned by this same
ivy. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00.
Sold by Ryan's Drug Store.

VOYAGES OF PORTOLA

Story of the First Discovery of
San Francisco Bay.

Stanley Fortes of Palo Alto, in
answer to a query, "Who Was Por-
tola?" has written the following
sketch for the Palo Alto Times about
the famous explorer:

"Vizcaino, his vessels having been
scattered in a storm, on the 7th of
January, 1603, came to anchor in
what he called Po de los Reyes,
near point Reyes. This port of
shelter had been described by ear-
lier Spanish explorers and by Fran-
cisco Drake, and had served as a re-
fuge to the galleons en route from
Manila to New Spain. In fact, the
San Augustin had been wrecked there
part of her cargo carried on the
beach, and to locate the wreck was
Vizcaino's object. This port of
refuge was later called the Puerto
de San Francisco. An estuary ran
hence inland, into which the galleons
made their way to procure water.

"Portola's men on November 1,
1796, from the hills near Point San
Pedro, discovered the waters of the
southern arm of our San Francisco
bay, but failed to find the Golden
Gate. The mountain ridge appeared
continuous to the north and they,
concluding the outlet of the new-
found water was through the estero
into Drakes bay, called it Estero de
San Francisco. This was in fact the
discovery of what is now San Francis-
co Bay.

"The party afterwards passed along
the Canada de Raymond through the
valley now occupied by the Spring
Valley lakes, and camped near the
present location of Redwood City and
explored as far as San Jose."

County Claims Allowed.

Claims against the county have been
allowed by the Board of Supervisors as
follows:

GENERAL FUND	
Chas. M. Taylor	\$ 50.00
Thos. M. Fyfe	70.00
J. A. McFarland	20.00
W. J. McGarvey	20.00
G. E. Gentry	20.00
H. G. Fyfe	11.00
J. E. Elder	3.50
G. Barsugli	20.00
A. James	15.00
U. Tinsley	15.00
F. Vasquez	10.00
J. E. Girling	10.00
A. James	19.50
W. C. Chubb	12.00
L. Jenkins	18.00
R. S. Chatham	49.00
Winter-Alan & Co.	25.00
San Mateo Title & Ins. Co.	10.00
A. Granger	75.00
W. A. Trice	5.00
Jas. Wallace	75.00
J. S. Hunter	25.00
J. E. Elder, 2 claims	23.50
A. Verobol	13.75
M. J. Simmons	2.00
Sunset Telephone Co., 2 claims	8.50
H. Beeger	42.50
Town of Redwood City	2.50
H. W. Walker	45.50
Democrat	25.15
Russell & Satter	6.50
J. E. Elder, 2 claims	22.00
P. Fahey	75.00
J. E. Elder	5.00
United Gas & Elec. Co., 2 claims	2.50
J. F. Smith	2.00
F. R. Smith	26.50
Times-Gazette	198.30
Hull Bros.	1.00
J. McCormick, Jr.	9.00
Democrat	48.25
Dr. Beatty	55.25
F. R. Smith	25.00
F. E. Cronk	15.00
E. E. Enoch	15.00
Warren Lumber Co.	40.44
J. Bennett	25.00
R. Dotts	11.25
Democrat	39.00
J. A. McCormick	30.00
G. J. Brown	10.00
F. Flynn	44.50
Sunset Telephone Co., 2 claims	60.25
Democrat	48.50
Cumha & Hickey	13.50
Town of Redwood City	9.90
W. H. Lipp	15.00
M. Sheehan	29.95
Boy W. Cloud	74.65
Democrat, 2 claims	107.35
Win. Jamison	10.00
H. W. Lamkin	60.00
Times-Gazette	215.00
Dr. W. A. Brooks	25.00
A. D. Walsh	218.10
John Doyle	300.00

Native Sons Install Officers.

The following named officers of
Redwood Parlor, N. S. G. W., were
installed at the last meeting: Presi-
dent, Jas. V. Neuman; first vice
president, D. F. Dwyer; second vice
president, A. L. Lowe; third vice
president, H. Beeger; recording sec-
retary, A. S. Liguori; financial
secretary, J. F. Johnston; marshal,
Gus. H. Mullen; inside sentinel, B.
L. Werder; outside sentinel, H. E.
Mocro; treasurer, H. W. Schaberg;
trustees, Guy P. Hull, A. D. Walsh
and F. W. Glennan; past president,
Chas. R. Curran. The parlor is in
a prosperous condition; having within
the past six months initiated thirty
new members.

Will Quit Base Ball.
Will Barg, the popular manager of
the local baseball team, will leave
Redwood City on the 15th of Aug-
ust to join his brother-in-law, Gus
Barthold in business. They will
handle all kinds of surveys and
engineers supplies. As both young
men have resigned first-class posi-
tions it is hoped by their many friends
that they will succeed, even better
than their expectations. Will has en-
deared himself to many friends of
both sex who will miss him much
but who will hope that the move is
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